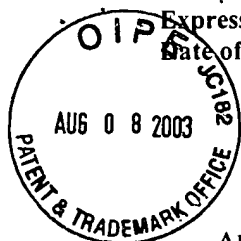


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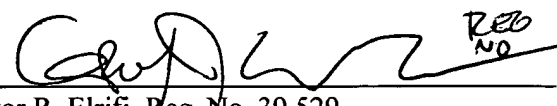
1. Response to Office Action mailed April 8, 2003 (12 pgs.);
2. Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 by Meera Patturajan (3 pgs.);
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4. Substitute Specification (123 pgs.);
5. Statement in Support of Substitute Specification (1 pg.);
6. Courtesy Copy of Beyer et al (2003) Experimental Cell Research (9 pgs.);
7. Petition for a One-Month Extension of time (1 pg.);
8. Substitute Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (for Ferenc Boldog-3 pgs.);
9. Check # 16842 in the amount of \$55.00; and
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551CON-S2. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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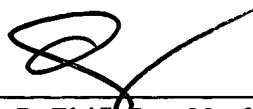
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(b)(1), I hereby state that the content of the substitute specification and the specification filed on October 31, 2001 are the same. Applicants hereby submit this substitute specification in response to the Office action mailed on April 8, 2003, which specifically requested a substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR §1.52. This submission includes no new matter.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for the filing of the present submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-551CON-S2.

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